

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 19, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 19, 2008. Accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.